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Population of Jews in America - United States

asks W. W. Hill for rough calculation of number of Jews in America, and how many have been admitted since 1938.

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N. American Dep.

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It is perhaps worth noting that in his annual message to Congress yesterday, President Truman revealed that only about 5,000 displaced persons (presumably not all Jews) have been admitted into the U.S.A. since May 1946.

(Signature)
(signed) F. B. A. Rundall 7/1

Mr. Post to set
for 10/1.

W.B. 8/1

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other letter comes in. *pro 4/2*
Mr. Neville Butler.

With its *3*
reference *advised*
figures *and w, 1/11*
directed

Can you give me a rough calculation of the number
of Jews in the United States? What are the six States
they are said to control, and how many roughly, if you
have the information handy, have they admitted *3 JAN 1947*
since 1938?

Hert Out

5th December, 1946.

Minister of State.

Our latest figures only go up to 1941, and are
as follows:-

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| 1. Total Jewish population in the U.S.A., 1941: | 4,893,748 |
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| 2. Net increase since 1937: | |
| 1938: | 19,481 |
| 1939: | 43,274 |
| 1940: | 36,795 |
| 1941: | <u>23,551</u> |
| Total net increase, 1938 - 1941: | <u>123,101</u> |

3. It is doubtful whether it can be said that the
Jews "control" any state, although the Zionists are apt
to claim that their voting strength is decisive in cer-
tain areas and the Administration seems all too willing
to believe them. Under certain circumstances the Jewish
vote in New York State, which has 47 electoral votes,
would undoubtedly be of great influence if exercised as
a bloc, but there is little evidence that this usually
happens. The Jewish vote in certain big cities, notably
New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago, is however of real
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The six States with the largest Jewish population are:
(as of 1941)

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| New York: | 2,206,328 | 17.02% | of total population. |
| Pennsylvania: | 434,616 | 4.27% | " " " |
| Illinois: | 387,330 | 4.92% | " " " |
| New Jersey: | 267,970 | 6.17% | " " " |
| Massachusetts: | 262,945 | 5.94% | " " " |
| Ohio: | 183,570 | 2.73% | " " " |

Other states where Jewish voting strength is of importance are:

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| Rhode Island: | 27,813 | 4.08% | of total population. |
| Maryland: | 76,124 | 4.53% | " " " |

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F.B.A. Rundall.
6th December, 1946.

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Enter. 5

5th December, 1946.

Can you tell me what is the
calculated Jewish population of
Palestine, and the calculated Arab
population of Palestine, and how many
Jews have been admitted since 1938?

(Sd.) HECTOR McNEIL

The Rt. Hon. A. Creech Jones, M.P.,

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5th December, 1946.

Do your people have the roughest calculation of how many Jews there are in Britain? Secondly, can you give me an approximate figure of our admission of Jews since 1934? If it is easier to do it from 1938, please just choose this period.

(Sd.) HECTOR McNEIL

The Rt. Hon. J. Chuter Ede, M.P.,

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TELEGRAM FROM Lord Sverdrup Washington.

No. Dated 321. Received in Registry 17 Jan 1947 18 Jan 1947.

Admission of Jews into United States.

Refer FU tel 402 (E12498/9632/21) has discussed matter with Acheson who stated that State Dept. have been at work on two draft bills providing for the entry into U.S. of Refugees, gives particulars of both.

Last Paper.

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N. American Dep., for info.

H.B. 18/1

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The first bill might possibly pass, although I should be surprised if it did, but I doubt if the second has any chance. Still, one never knows with the mercurial changes of opinion in the U.S.A. If I had to guess, it would be that a very much reduced version of Bill 1. might get through eventually.

(signed) F. E. A. Rundall: 26/

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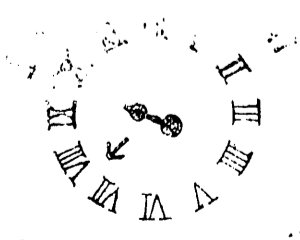
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I have discussed this matter with Mr. Acheson who tells me that the State Department have been at work upon two draft bills providing for the entry into the United States of a substantial number of refugees.

2. One bill authorised the immigration of 50,000 a year for three years under the quota system, no regard being had of nationality. The other an alternative bill authorises the entry of the same number in the same time over and above the quotas. These bills are to be submitted to the President on the 18th January and the one he chooses will probably be presented to Congress next week.

3. Mr. Acheson foresees strong opposition but he by no means excludes the possibility of successful passage.



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